GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4015
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Norms for National Minority Status
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms adopted by the Government to accord national minority status to any specific community;

(b) the number of communities identified as minorities at present;

(c) whether the Government proposes to accord the status of minority to some other communities also;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) As per Section 2(c) of NCM Act, 1992, 'Minority' means a community notified as such by the Central Government. There is no specific function conferred under Section 9 of NCM Act, 1992 to identify any community as a minority.

(b) Central Government has notified six communities (viz. Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, Christians, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains as 'minority communities' under Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.

(c) No, Madam.

(d)&(e) Does not arise.

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